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## S. S. TRAIL LEADS TO BLUESTONE

Two Addresses Made Last Sunday, one at Harman's Chapel and the Other on "The Divides"—A New Recruit.

Last Sunday my neighbor, Geo. W. Lewis and myself, held two interesting and enjoyable Sunday school meetings—one at 11 a. m. at Harman's Chapel on The Divides, the other at 3 p. m. at Springville. That is to say, I made the speeches and Mr. Lewis made it possible for me to do so by furnishing free of charge, conveyance enabling me to go. Now, I submit, that he helped me make the speeches in perhaps the best way he could. I never heard George try to make a Sunday School speech. He might hum and haw and turn red in the face and stammer a little at first, but no doubt, he would get it that he (and others) do not "get there" with a little practice, and try it. At any rate, he did the next best thing to it last Sunday as Dan Thompson did the Sunday before, he made it possible for me to go, and but for the timely aid of these two neighbors, I would likely not have gone at all. If a work is needed to be done we ought to be willing to do it, and if we want, to help the fellow along who can and will go. But to do neither, is—well, not exactly living up to the standard. Honor to whom honor is due, I say, every time. I repeat it, George Lewis and myself held two important Sunday School meetings last Sunday. I am inclined to think that I had, however, rather the hardest part of the job, pleasant as it was. Riding 25 miles on horseback, in a sunlike like last Sundays, on a saddle that felt, before the day was over, as though it were made of rocks, is not much fun for one not accustomed to such exercise. But there was nothing else to be done, and it had to be done, and "I done it," and had a good time also.

I spoke to the Sunday School at Harman's Chapel at 11 a. m. on the top of the Divide. My visit was due to an invitation from my friend, Austin White, and to him and the other good people there I am indebted for a pleasant and I hope profitable visit. Charles Harman, his wife and father, R. P. Harman, Austin White and a number of other good folks, are the workers in the church and school there and rain or shine, cold or hot they are there.

Mr. White made a short and good speech. Charles Harman spoke, too. He is the Superintendent, and when he speaks he speaks. I imagined he got his early training as a speaker in the old fashioned camp meetings and love feasts the Methodists used to have, but have no more. He is a warm hearted speaker, and is a delight to a deaf man for he makes himself heard. What a fine circuit rider he would have made! White, I believe, has a good deal of the poise and the calm of the Presbyterian in him. He likes facts and figures and speaks to the edification of the hearer.

And, so, the crowd had several different styles and forms of oratory, all in one day, and everybody should have been pleased. All that I can say about the address of the other brother who spoke is, that "he warmed up" as he proceeded with his remarks. The mercury registered somewhere in the 90's. In the afternoon it was still hotter. The church at Springville was about full. They listened, swelled and listened, while I spoke of the importance of the evangelization of the men—the most needy, important and most neglected class of our people. Mr. F. S. Wallace is the Superintendent. He has the help of the McMullins, Deatons et als, and a number of fine young men, and some not quite so young. They have an adult class of men of about 20 in number. These will go after the rest. I told them here and at Harman's, about Mr. St. Clair's mess class of nearly 100, and of George Liddle's class away over at Midway on the top of the Flat Top, and of other good classes. J. W. Hicks has a fine class of men at Graham and other schools and communities are waking up. A conservative estimate shows that less than 30 per cent of the men of the county take any interest in the Sunday School work, which is only another way of saying that they take no interest in any church work at all. Going to church and paying a little money into the treasury is not "taking interest in church work at all." And this is about all 80 per cent of the men of the county do. We men ought to reform.

And now, as Mr. Briggs would say, listen to me: Speaking of men, while I am at it: There are numbers of men in Tazewell, Graham, Pochontas, Richlands, Cedar Bluff, North Tazewell and in almost every little village, who are doing nothing but a little religious loafing on Sunday. They sit around hotel porches, or perhaps even go to Sunday School in a way, who are needed in the country. Within reach of every town there are from one to a half dozen schools meeting in the afternoon within reach, who will be glad to have some one visit them from other schools and speak a word. And these men ought to go. They can do great good for themselves as well as for these schools.

It is possible to die as Christians of the dry rot. If you want to have a pleasant time socially and religiously get out among the Lord's people in

the country Sunday Schools!

But, I intended to "gossip" and not lecture, in this "dissertation." I had my dinner with Austin White. Mrs. Chas. Harman was a guest also. She lives just across the hill. White has only nine children—six girls and three boys. Three of the girls are grown, and just as pretty as they are good, and as good as they are pretty.

Their mother went to church that morning and left the girls to get dinner, and if they are not first class cooks then this poor scribe is no judge. Fried ham, roast chicken, potatoes, preserves, apple butter, biscuits, coffee and milk—well, "no use talkin'." I was delighted also with the social surroundings. Mrs. White is a grand daughter of Joshua Brown, the well known merchant of other days in Salem. I remember him when as a boy, I hauled lumber to Salem from a mill near the old home in Botetourt, "where the sun forever shines." His store stood on the corner—a low, framed building. His son, Garland, I believe, is Mrs. White's father. Mrs. Harman was a Mrs. Davis, of Bland county. She traces her kinship back to the distinguished Lee family of Virginia. This company of good folks, including several little fellows, gave me a pleasant afternoon, which I shall not soon forget.

Speaking of Austin White, calls to mind his grandfather, Rev. Samuel Austin, who spent a long life in the ministry in this county, where he married a Miss Harman, and also in adjoining counties and in West Virginia. He died about eight years ago at his home, since destroyed by fire, near Five Oaks. Mr. Austin was a very remarkable man. I heard him preach twice shortly after I came to Tazewell, and I still retain recollections of his sermon. I was charmed. He was methodical, logical, and earnest to a degree. He was peculiar. He lacked only a little something of being one of the country's greatest preachers. By education and other qualifications he should have occupied the most prominent city pulpits. Just why he failed to reach such a goal I never could figure out. He spent his life riding over the mountains of Tazewell and West Virginia, preaching in school houses and country churches. He changed his church relations several times, dying, honored and respected, a member of the Christian church.

This letter is already too long. On my return I stopped to rest a few moments at the pleasant home of E. K. Crockett, where I enjoyed raspberries, with cream, sugar and cake, dont you know, and also halted a few moments with Mr. B. B. Greever, who is ill. I found him better. He was sitting on the front porch and now able to walk about just a little, but very weak. I reached home just a little after nightfall and had a delightful night's rest. What a pleasure it is to live and make Sunday School addresses in such a county and among such folks as live here. I thank the kind Father for permitting me to do so, and wouldn't at all object to keep it up for the next fifty years.

J. A. L.

### POUNDING MILL NEWS.

Pounding Mill, Va., July 21.—Rev. W. S. Bullard preached an excellent sermon here Sunday at 11 o'clock, enjoyed very much by all who were present.

Mrs. Rees Ringstaff is quite ill at her home east of the station. She is suffering from stomach trouble. It is said that her condition has become so alarming that her death would be no surprise at any time.

Mrs. John Hoops visited relatives at Cedar Bluff Saturday and Sunday. Miss Ella Field and father and other relatives are here with their sick sister and daughter, Mrs. Reese Ringstaff.

Mr. D. W. Farmer, who was shot by Robert Pruett on Saturday, July 10, and was taken to the Richlands hospital, where he lived only thirteen hours afterwards, was brought here on No. 12 Sunday morning for burial, which took place at the public cemetery at 6:30 Sunday evening. The deceased was 52 years of age, and he leaves a wife and nine children. Mr. Farmer was loved by all who knew him. Peace to his ashes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Altizer and children spent Sunday at Richlands visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. John Asbury, of Richlands, spent a few days at this place recently visiting her son, Will, and also calling on her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Petts and daughter, Miss Madie, who have been ill at their home for several weeks, are improving rapidly and their many friends hope that they will soon be out again. The whooping cough is raging at this place and has been for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lockhart, of Tazewell, visited their daughter, Mrs. M. H. Burnett and family at this place recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davidson visited his aunt, Mrs. H. W. Christian here the past week.

The stork visited the home of Mr. A. F. Pryor and left a nine pound boy on last Thursday morning. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Onks of this place an eleven pound girl. Mrs. Onks and baby are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McLain have as their guests, the latter's mother, Mrs. Brown, from Eastern Virginia. Miss Myrtle Hoops visited relatives and friends at Bluefield recently.

Mr. Tom Jessie is spending a few days with his aunt, Mrs. D. W. Farmer.

Miss Edna Ball, of Raven, was visiting friends and relatives at this place recently.

## CONTEST TO CLOSE LAST OF AUGUST

Young Lady Who Expects to Go on Free Trip to the Exposition Will Be Chosen Soon. Highest Vote is Winner.

It has been decided to close the Panama Exposition free trip contest with the last week in August. The candidate having the highest number of votes on Saturday evening, August 28th will be awarded the fine prize of a free round trip to San Francisco and other free side trips, as advertised. Or, if preferred, the nice piano instead. These prizes are worth working for. They cost no money. Subscriptions to this paper and purchases made at Jackson's drug store, secure votes. Full value received is given for every dollar turned in. The contest so far has been without any irregularities, and absolutely free of any misunderstandings, and will be so conducted to the close.

Each of the candidates have enthusiastic friends, who are ambitious to see them win. Help your candidates in every legitimate way possible. The next four weeks should see great activity among all the candidates and their friends.

### IT'S UP TO YOU!

Miss Mary McCall	926,875
Miss Lucile Jones	387,955
Miss Ada L. Hurley	79,680
Miss May Lynch	65,865
Miss Barbara Brittain	64,685
Mrs. T. L. Shuffelbrager	61,170
Miss Katrina Gose	30,400
Mrs. Geo. P. Hall	26,945
Miss Sadie Whitley	16,285
Miss Mary Moss	16,160
Miss Marie McNulty	12,455
Miss Blanche Puckett	12,080
Mrs. Kate Gillespie	7,695
Miss Mary Moore	7,270
Miss Ella Johnson	7,075
Mrs. G. M. St. Clair	5,880
Miss Hazel Wynn	4,915
Miss Edgar Hurt	3,110
Mrs. Dan Thompson	1,660
Miss Grace Bowser	8420
Miss Kate Reynolds	5555
Miss Frances Litz	3470
Miss Evelyn McCall	3245
Miss Kate Hall	3126
Miss Annie Litz	2570
Miss Elizabeth Reed	2525
Miss Marguerite Wright	2460
Miss Nannie Duncan	2370
Miss Annie Greever	2245
Miss Anne Byrd Walker	2230
Miss Mamie St. Clair	2210
Mrs. Ella Peery	2000
Miss Mary Harman	1885
Miss Lydie Peery	1615
Miss Katherine St. Clair	1616
Miss Lou Gillespie	1525
Miss Mary Turk	1489

### SCHOOL POPULATION.

In round numbers there are 22,000,000 persons enrolled in educational institutions in the United States in 1914, according to the annual report of the Commissioner of Education just issued. Of these over 19,000,000 were in elementary schools; 1,374,000 in secondary schools, both public and private; and 216,000,000 in colleges and universities. Close to another hundred thousand were in normal schools preparing to be teachers, 67,000 were in professional schools, and the remainder were scattered through other types of institutions. The teachers for this educational army numbered 700,000, of whom 566,000 were in public schools. In point of rapid growth the public high schools still presents the most impressive figures, the enrollment for 1914 being over 84,000 than for the year before.

The cost of education for the year as estimated by the bureau, was \$75,000,000. "This three quarters of a billion is a relatively small amount when compared with other items in the public expense," declares the report. "It is less than three hundred million than of the cost of running the federal government; it is less than one-third the nation's expenditure for alcoholic liquors; it is only a little over three times the estimated cost of admissions to moving picture theatres in the United States for the same year. Measured in terms of products of the soil, the United States spent somewhat more for education in 1914 than the value of its cotton crop, somewhat less than the value of its wheat crop, and less than half of the value of the annual harvest of corn, while the nations bill for education was less by nearly a hundred millions than the value of the exports from the harbor in New York in the calendar year just passed."

### NEWS OF SHAWVER MILLS.

Shawver Mills, July 21.—Misses Ada Caldwell and Blanche Trout, of Craig county, are the guests of Miss Della Lefel for the summer.

Miss Irene Reynolds, of Craig county, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Belcher.

Mrs. W. Pruett spent the past few days at her sisters, Mrs. N. E. Shawver.

Miss Ada and Robert Hicks spent Saturday and Sunday at Hicksville.

Mr. T. B. Lambert and son, Everett returned from Maryland, where they purchased a fine home. Maryland seems to be a mighty fine country as we have lost several of our fine citizens to that state.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shawver, of Maryland, were called to attend the burial of their sister, Mrs. H. W. Stowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Steele, of

Bland county, had as their guests Sunday Mr. Rees Neel, Ada Caldwell, Jim Belcher, Blanche Trout, Albert Lefel, Mary Lambert, Henry Shawver, Martha Lambert, Austin Lambert and Della Lefel. All report a fine time.

Last Wednesday, Mrs. Ira Gregory passed away at the home of her son, Lewis Gregory. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

Also last Wednesday, Mrs. H. W. Stowers passed away quietly to her home in the skies. She had been sick some time.

### BURKE'S GARDEN NEWS.

Burke's Garden, July 22.—Mrs. A. E. Peery has been very ill for several days.

We have been having nice rains nearly every day for the past week. The rains are fine for corn and grass but not so good on hay and oats.

Miss Ollie Goodman has been quite ill for several days, but is improving now and hopes to be out again.

Mrs. E. L. Rhudy has been the guest for several weeks of her parents, at Groseclose, Va.

Mr. E. L. Grubb and Mr. Dot Crismond spent part of last week with Mr. Frank Fox near Blacksburg. They seem well pleased with the country there.

Rev. W. H. Greever expects to arrive here the last of the week for a short visit with home folks.

Mr. N. W. Stowers was called to Clear Fork Sunday by the death of his aunt, Mrs. H. W. Stowers.

The picnic at Mrs. J. B. Meek's last Saturday which was given by the Sunday school classes of Miss Lucy Moss and Mr. George H. Moss was somewhat interfered with by the rain.

Mrs. C. H. Greever and daughters had as their guests on last Thursday, Mrs. A. S. Greever and their children and Mrs. M. Cassell and two children and on Friday Mrs. H. Copenhaver and little daughter, of Marion and Miss Emma Greever.

Mrs. Ella Crockett returned to Tazewell yesterday.

A few of Mrs. J. B. Meek's special friends are invited to an old fashioned quilting at her home tomorrow.

Farmers are busy making hay when the sunshines.

Mr. Harry Dillon and Miss Lillie Shewey were married at Tazewell last Wednesday.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church will give a public meeting at the church next Sunday at 11 a. m.

### HARMAN NEWBERRY ILL.

Billie Barnes, of the Cove, Tazewell county, Va., a prominent young man of that place, was here yesterday on his return home from a visit to his father-in-law, Harman Newberry, of near Bland courthouse, says the Daily Telegraph of Wednesday. Mr. Newberry, who is one of the wealthiest and most prominent men in the Southwest, is aged eighty-nine years and several years ago while riding a horse in Wyoming county was thrown by the steed, breaking his thigh. His son in law said yesterday that he found Mr. Newberry in a precarious condition, which was learned here by his many friends with regret.

Mr. Newberry is probably one of the biggest land owners in southwest Virginia, his holdings including 6,800 acres of coal lands in Wyoming and Logan counties, the gigantic farms of William and Joseph McDonald in Wyoming county, over 3,000 acres of grazing bluegrass land in Wythe and Bland counties and in addition to this has extensive interests in the coal lands of Buchanan county and in Bland county, near Sharon Springs.

### NEWS OF STEELSBURG.

Steelsburg, July 23.—On account of the large amount of rain, farmers are very much behind with their grain and grass.

Mr. Robert Steele, whose illness was mentioned sometime ago, is still confined to his bed.

Bud Ferrell, who has been very ill is able to be out again.

Arleigh enell spent Saturday night and Sunday at W. C. Witten's, visiting his grandfather.

There will be an ice cream supper here on the 31st of July for the benefit of the church. We hope every one will attend and make the receipts as large as possible as the church is badly in need of repairs.

CATTLE, LAMPS, WOOL, HORSES, ETC.

Last week's Chicago market quoted cattle from \$9.50 to \$10.20.

Export cattle reach the number of 20,000 per month.

May exports of beef aggregated \$4,430,535 against \$320,052 during May, 1914.

Montana wool was bid for at 26 and 28 cents for medium. Lambs \$9.50 and \$12 per hundred weight. Commercial demand for horses is quite slack. England has curtailed the buying owing to difficulties in transportation. The French are buying at \$130 to \$175.

The corn crop, based upon wide information, is placed at two billion, 900 million bushels, which is 327 million bushels over last year. The wheat crop is the largest ever grown.

Any kick coming?

### FOR TREASURER.

To the Voters of Tazewell County:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Tazewell County, at the election to be held Nov. 2nd., 1915, and I respectfully solicit your support.

H. P. BRITAIN.

## JEALOUSY CAUSES SHOOTING AFFAIR

Husband Finds Wife Sitting by Another Man on Clinch Valley Train and Trouble Starts. Young Girl is Shot Dead.

On Sunday morning a thrilling scene was enacted on Clinch Valley passenger train No. 12 just after it left Tacoma on its journey east, according to a dispatch from Coeburn in the daily papers Tuesday. At a point, a nine-year old girl lies dead at the hands of her brother and a man has two pistol bullet holes in him and another is in jail facing a murder charge.

It seems that the trouble started over a frivolous wife and a jealous husband. Will Allen, his wife and one child and sister live at Wise. On Sunday morning Mrs. Allen, accompanied by Miss Ollie Allen, boarded the train from some point on the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio railway, it is thought, to attend a picnic at Elk-horn city, Ky., as an excursion was being run to that place, the passengers picked up by the Clinch Valley changing cars at St. Paul.

When the woman boarded the train they did not notice that the husband, and brother, Will Allen, had also gotten on. He hid himself so that they would not know of his presence.

When the train reached Tacoma, a young man, Lee Smith, boarded it and joined Mrs. Allen and Miss Allen, who were sitting together in a seat in the first class coach about five seats from the smoking box in the front end of the car. The girl got up and allowed Smith to take a seat by Mrs. Allen. Just as the train was pulling out of the station, and before it was under way, Allen came in from the smoking car and stood facing the passengers in the first class coach. His eyes rested on his wife and Smith a moment and Smith jumped up and started to run to the back of the train and Allen whipped out a gun from his pocket and without saying a word, began to shoot, firing two shots. B. H. Lusk, brakeman on the train, who had come into the car just behind Allen caught him but could not prevent him from firing two more shots. Allen is then reported to have said to his wife: "You are the cause of this, and I am going to kill you," and before he had gone further Lusk had thrown him down between the seats opposite to the one occupied by Mrs. Allen, where, with the aid of a passenger, the pistol was wrested from Allen.

It was found when the excitement had somewhat subsided that Smith had been shot twice and that Miss Allen had also been shot. Smith's wounds, are not regarded as serious, while Miss Allen died several hours later at a hospital, where both were taken immediately after the train got to Coeburn.

There was the greatest commotion among the passengers while the shooting was going on, most of them crawling under the seats and yelling and screaming. In the back of the seat and in the side of the car there were bullet holes.

It is said that Allen had several times told Smith to cease his attentions to Mrs. Allen and had recently told him if he ever saw them together again he would kill them both.

Allen was placed under arrest by Brakeman Lusk and turned over to officers at Coeburn, who took him to jail at Wise.

### WHAT MR. BRYAN SAYS.

"But let us consider our dispute with Germany. It involves not so much interference with trade as destruction of life. This raises a more serious question, but it must be remembered that Germany's action, too, has not been taken out of hostility to us, but it is founded on the belief that her methods of warfare are necessary for her own protection. We do not agree with her; we believe that the methods employed are cruel and inhuman, and we have so stated, but is there no remedy except war? Must we insist upon war with a nation that does not want war with us? We can offer some protection to our citizens by preventing their taking the risks that those took who sailed on the Lusitania. When we assert that an American citizen has a right to go anywhere on the high seas, we cannot mean that we intend to relieve him of the exercise of ordinary care or that he is at liberty to drag his country into war by assuming unnecessary risks.

The sentiment of the American people would not support any such doctrine. If the government can demand of its citizens the surrender of their lives to carry the nation through a war after it becomes involved in war may it not rightfully demand of its citizens that they shall so conduct themselves as not to draw the country into war? If the mayor can keep the people off the streets during a riot, cannot the federal government keep the people out of the war zone while the belligerents are shooting at each other?"

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TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA

### TRUE INWARDNESS.

Editor the News:—It remained for a Republican writing to a Republican newspaper, to disclose the "true inwardness" of the mobilization of "all the ants" and not a few of the Republicans at the late so-called Democratic mass meeting, while ninetenths of the old guard went fishing.

We have through a news item taken from the Bluefield Telegraph and republished by the Times, that the occasion was seized on to launch a Glass boom, and that it was a victory for the Glass forces, which accounts for the defeat of a resolution against meeting office holders and candidates on the new committee, and which might be construed as a reflection on a certain gentleman who made a memorable race for U. S. Senator while "holding on" to a "vacant" seat in Congress. In the light of the evidently inspired article referred to the seventy-seven who voted for him on that occasion want him to run again, and want advise him to give up a bird in hand for a bigger bird in the bush.

This is the only possible reason why they could have voted down a resolution which embodied the very quintessence of Democratic doctrine and which was offered as explained at the time, "to determine" how many participants in a Democratic meeting were opposed to a cardinal principle of the Democratic party.

While we are proud of Mr. Glass' record in Congress, there are many of us who can't forget that he, and McAdoo, robbed the ninth district of the two federal offices which belonged to it by all the rules of war and politics, and by reason of his undoubted pull, secured the appointment to the more intimate Federal office holders of many officials obnoxious to a majority of the Democrats affected by such positions.

H. M. S.

P. S.—Many of us who haven't heard the matter mentioned would like to know just what Mr. G. is running for.

## A RARE TREAT FOR LOVERS OF MUSIC

Distinguished Cincinnati Musician and Wife Will Give Entertainment and Accept a Few Students for the Summer.

Mr. Philip Werthner, concert pianist and Mrs. Dell K. Werthner, dramatic soprano, will give a recital in the High School Chapel Saturday evening, July 31st, at 8:15.

Mr. and Mrs. Werthner will render some of the choicest gems of musical literature in their own, inimitable style and will surely please all who are devotees of the great art of music. They are delighted with Tazewell and the high degree of culture among its citizens and expect to remain here until the first of September.

During their stay Mr. Werthner will accept a limited number of pupils in the higher art of piano playing, and Mrs. Werthner will devote a few hours daily to instruction in the art of singing. Mr. Werthner has resided in Cincinnati for the last 20 years, having gone there to follow his profession after a three years course at the great Scharwenka music school in Berlin.

Since his residence in Cincinnati he has been twice elected to the Presidency of the society of Ohio music-teachers. He was secretary and treasurer for two years of the National Music Teachers Association and was elected President of the Cincinnati Musicians Club when it was first organized five years ago. He is the owner and director of the Walnut Hills Music School in Cincinnati, where pupils from Tazewell studied with him last year.

Mrs. Dell K. Werthner is his true helpmate in more than one sense. She is a dramatic soprano of exceptional

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MRS. DELL K. WERTNER.



MR. PHILIP WERTNER.